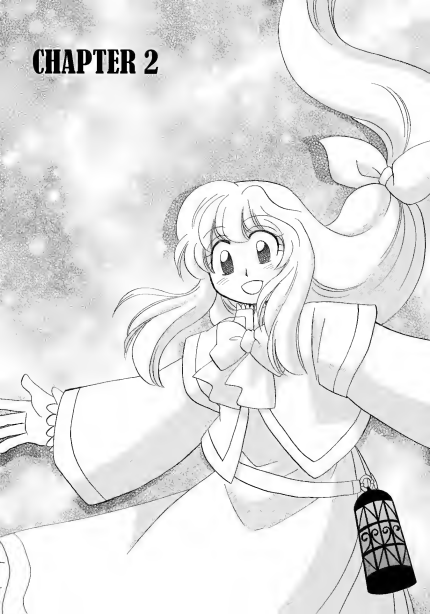


## CHAPTER 2



LET ME  
SEND  
YOU OFF  
WITH A  
SMILE.



I'VE BEEN  
WATCHING YOU  
SINCE YOU  
WERE A CHILD  
AND NOW  
YOU'RE  
SETTING ON  
A JOURNEY.

ONCE YOU  
ARE THERE,  
I'M SURE  
YOU'LL LIVE  
HAPPILY.



YOU'LL BE  
MEETING  
YOUR OTHER  
SPIRIT HALF.

THINK OF  
IT AS ME.

I'LL  
ALWAYS  
BE BY  
YOUR  
SIDE.

ALWAYS  
BY  
YOUR  
SIDE....



THIS  
JOURNEY  
WILL BE  
DANGE-  
ROUS  
FOR YOUR  
WEAK  
BODY.

TAKE MY  
BRANCH  
WITH YOU.  
IT HAS  
HEALING  
PROPER-  
TIES.





I'LL  
PUT  
THEM  
BACK.

I KNEW IT.  
IT'S  
TERRIBLE  
THAT THE  
HOLDOUT  
ROPE  
BROKE.



IS THE  
BOY  
BACK  
THERE  
OKAY?

ST-  
STRAW  
?

YES,  
HE'S  
ALRI-  
GHT.

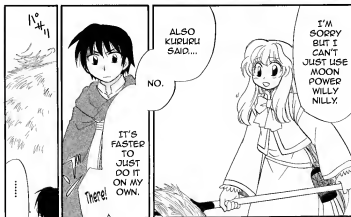


I LEFT  
ON A  
JOURNEY.

OH  
YEAH.



TOGETHER  
WITH SPIRIT  
MAGE CLERIA









THAT'S  
WHAT  
THE  
MOON  
SPIRIT  
TOLD  
YOU.

I  
SEE.



HUHU?

SHE'S  
REST-  
ING AT  
THE  
VILL-  
AGE?



WHERE  
IS SHE?  
UHM,  
CLERIA!

WHY  
AM I  
HERE?!



Miss?  
She's  
already  
middle-  
aged.

I  
THOUGHT  
SHE  
MADE A  
MISTAKE.

SHE  
HAS A  
REPU-  
TATION  
FOR  
PICKING  
UP  
STRAN-  
GERS.



HER?

OH,  
YOU  
MEAN  
THAT  
MISS?

IT SEEMS  
THAT SHE  
LIKES YOU.  
AS EXPE-  
CTED FROM  
SOMEONE  
BROUGHT  
BY HER.

SHE  
SAVE  
YOU  
PERMI-  
SSION  
TO USE  
MOON  
POWER.



YOU CAME HERE ON A JOB REQUEST FROM HER, DIDN'T YOU?

SPIRIT  
MAGE CLERIA,

YES.

WELL  
WHAT-  
EVER.

I ASKED  
FOR SOME-  
ONE LIKE  
THAT CHIL-  
O.

ALHEM!

...THAT CHILD  
ETWASS TO  
WHERE HIS  
OTHER HALF,  
SLEEPING  
MOON, LIVES.

THEN I  
WOULD  
LIKE TO  
ADD  
ANOTHER  
REQUEST.

I  
WANT  
YOU TO  
TAKE...

YOU  
MAY  
TAKE  
ONE  
FROM  
THIS  
FOREST.

THERE'S A  
COMPEN-  
SATION OF  
COURSE.

YOU WERE  
CHOSEN  
AS HIS  
TRAVELLING  
COMPANION  
FOR THIS  
JOURNEY.

W-  
WHAT?!!  
YOU  
SHOULD'VE  
SAID  
"THEN LET  
ME TAKE  
KURURU  
THE STRONG-  
EST  
SPIRIT,  
THE LORD  
OF THE  
FOREST"!

THEN I'D  
HAVE TO  
OBLIGE AND  
COME ALONG!

But  
won't it  
be bad  
for the  
forest?

Like I said,  
I'd have  
to oblige!

PLEASE  
GIVE ME  
MONEY  
AS  
COMPE-  
NSATION.

I'M  
SO-  
RRY.



ALSO I  
WON'T  
FORGIVE  
YOU IF  
YOU USE  
MOON POWER  
AS YOU  
PLEASED.

HOWEVER,  
THERE ARE  
FOREST  
SPIRITS  
WHOM YOU  
SHOULD  
NOT BRING  
OUT OF THE  
FOREST.

*myself  
aside*

.....  
WHAT-  
EVER!

So I do  
have  
to try.

ALL  
THAT'S  
LEFT IS  
ETWASS'  
FEELING.

HOWEVER,  
IF THE  
MOON  
SPIRIT  
WILL SO,



I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT'LL  
HAPPEN  
IF YOU  
USE THAT  
POWER.

AS THE  
MOON  
SPIRIT  
CURR-  
ENTLY  
LIVE AS  
A  
HUMAN.











LET'S  
HAVE  
LUNCH.



THAT'S  
RIGHT.



I CAN'T HELP IT!  
I'VE NEVER BEEN  
OUTSIDE THE  
VILLAGE.  
AND IT WAS  
EMPTY.



IT'S  
CHEAP AND  
DELICIOUS.  
IT SEEMS  
TO BE THIS  
FRONT GATE  
MARKET'S  
SPECIALTY.

Ham and  
vegetable  
sandwich.





I THINK  
SHE WANTS  
US TO FIND  
IT OUR-  
SELF.

THERE  
WERE  
RULES  
SO SHE  
CANNOT  
SAY IT.

BUT SHE  
DIDN'T  
ANSWER.

WH...

YOU EVEN  
TOOK THAT  
LITTLE MONEY  
AND SOMEONE  
TROUBLESOME  
LIKE ME!

WHY DID  
YOU TAKE  
A JOB  
LIKE  
THAT?!

ERM,  
ET-  
WASS  
...

ARE YOU  
JUST GOING  
TO WANDER  
AROUND  
UNTIL YOU  
FIND THE  
SLEEPING  
MOON?  
ARE YOU  
AN  
IDIOT?

WHAT'S  
WITH  
THAT?!



DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WON'T USE MOON POWER?

I CAN TAKE JOBS TO COVER FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES.

NOT MOON POWER.

SINCE YOU ARE HERE, THERE'S A SPELL I CAN USE.

WHAT'S ALRIGHT ?!

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY. BUT IT'S ALRIGHT.

ALSO ABOUT SLEEPING MOON.

IF I CAN USE THAT. I CAN BE A SPIRIT MAGE EVEN AS AN EMPTY ONE.

MY OWN POWER.

I'm sorry!

BUT FOR SOME REASON, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THEM AFTER THE EXAM.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN SOME-WHAT?

THERE'S A LEGEND ABOUT THE MOON IN THIS COUNTRY. EVEN THIS COUNTRY, IL LENEIS, IS SOMEWHAT RELATED TO SLEEPING MOON.

BUT... IF WE LOOK IT UP WHY IN THIS BIG CITY, I THINK WE WILL FIND SOMETHING.

ERM, I LEARNT ABOUT IT BACK AT MAGIC ACADEMY.



FOR NOW,  
LET'S LOOK  
FOR A JOB!

THERE'S  
ALWAYS  
A MAGE  
GUILD AT  
FRONT  
GATE  
MARKETS.

I'M  
WOR-  
RIED.

For many  
reasons.



BUT SHE  
WAS  
CHOSEN  
BECAUSE  
OF THAT.  
  
CAN WE  
REACH  
SLEEPING  
MOON'S  
PLACE AT  
THIS  
RATE?

THIS IS NOT  
SOMETHING  
...

YOU CAN FACE  
NONCHALANTLY.



WITHOUT  
USING  
MOON  
POWER  
BUT MINE,  
HUH?



I CAN  
STILL  
GO BACK  
TO THE  
FOREST.

WHAT  
MAGIC  
CAN SHE  
DO WITH  
ME?



IS IT  
THE  
MAGIC  
SHE  
MENTI-  
ONED  
EARLIER  
?

SELF  
SPIRIT  
MAGIC  
IS MY  
SPECIALTY.

REALLY  
?!

WE  
HAVE  
TWO  
JOBS  
EVEN  
EMPTY  
MAGES  
CAN DO.

THEN  
GREAT!

ONE  
REQUIRES  
A SELF  
SPIRIT  
MAGIC.

WELL,  
IT'S A  
LITTLE  
CHEAR

RIGHT  
?

YOU  
SHOULD  
BE ABLE  
TO DO  
THEM.

HOW  
ABOUT  
YOU TAKE  
BOTH  
JOBS?

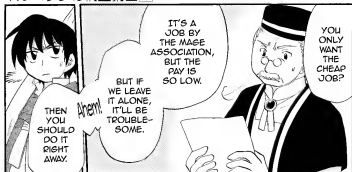
LET'S  
SEE.

THE  
OTHER  
JOB  
REQUIRES  
TRAVELING  
BUT IT  
PAYS  
HIGH.

ANY  
MAGES  
WOULDOVE  
TAKEN IT.

I'LL TAKE  
THIS JOB.





HUH?!

WHAT  
KIND OF  
A WATER  
SPIRIT  
TRAPPED  
INSIDE  
A WELL?

OUR JOB  
THIS TIME  
IS TO HELP  
THAT SPIRIT  
OUT OF IT.



IN AN  
ABAN-  
DONED  
OLD WELL  
DOWN-  
TOWN.

IT SEEMS  
THAT  
SOMEONE  
DROPPED  
A WATER  
SPIRIT...

HERE USED  
TO BE A LITTLE  
WATER IN THIS  
WELL, SO  
SOMEONE  
PULLED DOWN  
A WATER SPIRIT  
AND USE MAGIC  
TO DRAW WATER.

BUT THE  
ROPE USED  
TO HANG  
THE CASE  
BROKE AND IT  
FELL DOWN  
TO THE  
BOTTOM  
OF THE  
WELL.

THEY  
PULLED  
DOWN THE  
CASE UNTIL  
WATER IS  
DRAWN.

IT  
CANNOT  
BREAK  
FREE  
INSIDE  
WATER.



IT  
CANNOT  
ESCAPE.  
  
IT'S  
TRAPPED  
INSIDE A  
SPIRIT  
CAGE.



IT'S FASTER  
TO CATCH A  
NEW WATER  
SPIRIT THAN  
PICK THE ONE  
DROPPED  
INSIDE A  
WELL.

MANY  
SMALL  
WATER  
SPIRITS  
LIVE IN  
WATER-  
SIDE.

THAT'S  
WHAT  
MOST OF  
SPIRIT  
MAGES  
THINK.

THEY  
ABANDONED  
IT FOR  
FIVE YEARS?

FIVE  
YEARS  
SINCE  
THEN.

ISN'T THIS  
CITY FULL  
OF CAPABLE  
MAGES?

THE  
CAPABLE  
ONES  
WERE  
BUSY  
ALSO,

NOW I  
UNDERSTAND  
THE SPIRITS'  
HATRED.

WHY SPIRIT  
MAGES ARE  
THEIR  
ENEMIES.



THAT'S  
WHAT I  
THOUGHT  
AS WELL.

THAT'S  
CRUEL.

WHICH  
IS WHY  
...

10  
7

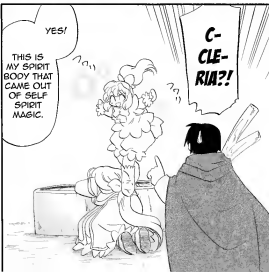


I'M  
GOING  
TO  
SAVE IT.



I CAN GO  
ANYWHERE  
EVEN DEEP  
INSIDE  
THIS WELL.

SELF  
SPIRIT  
MAGIC IS  
A MAGIC  
THAT  
CREATES  
A SPIRIT  
BODY OUT  
OF MY  
OWN SOUL.

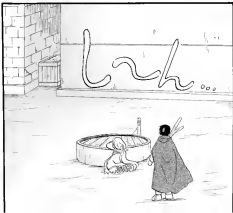


YES!

THIS IS  
MY SPIRIT  
BODY THAT  
CAME OUT  
OF SELF  
SPIRIT  
MAGIC.

C-  
CLE-  
RIA?!



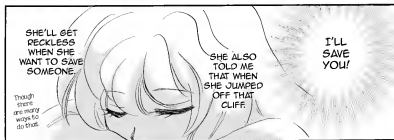




SHE GET  
RECKLESS  
EASILY.

THIS IS  
DANGEROUS.  
IS IT OKAY  
TO JUST  
WATCH?

Zin...



SHE'LL GET  
RECKLESS  
WHEN SHE  
WANT TO SAVE  
SOMEONE.

SHE ALSO  
TOLD ME  
THAT WHEN  
SHE JUMPED  
OFF THAT  
CLIFF.

I'LL  
SAVE  
YOU!

Though  
there  
are many  
ways to  
do that.



WE'LL  
ENCOUNTER  
MORE  
DANGEROUS  
SITUATION  
DURING  
OUR  
JOURNEY.

FROM  
NOW  
ON...

DOESN'T  
MATTER  
THE SPIRIT.

NO, IT'LL  
HAPPEN  
EVEN  
WHEN SHE  
TRAVELS  
ALONE.

I WONDER  
WHY DID SHE  
GO ALL THE  
WAY TO SAVE  
ME.



FOR  
CLERIA'S  
SAKE.

IS THERE  
SOMETHING  
I CAN DO  
OTHER THAN  
JUST WATCH?

I DON'T WANT  
TO BE HELPED  
OVER AND OVER.



A SELF  
SPIRIT  
MAGIC IN  
THIS KIND  
OF  
THAT PLACE?  
IS  
RECK-  
LESS.

WHAT  
IS  
THIS?

THERE'S  
A DARK  
MATTER  
AROUND.



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